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PRODUCING SAME, AND LAMINATED MOLDING ARTICLE AND PROCESS
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 60-13815, published April 9, 1985 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 60-30537, published July 17, 1985.
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,256,687 issued March 17, 1981.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 4-103347, published April 6, 1992 with English Abstract.

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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